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SUBJECT: OPERATION OF TRACT DELTA

REF: ADDIS ABABA 10465 (NOTAL)

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION CINCUSNAVEUR, COMNAVTELCOM, NAVCOMMSTA GREECE
FROM NAVCOMMUNIT ASMARA 25 AUG 75 H/W REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO:

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OPERATION OF TRACT DELTA

1. AT 1100 MEETING TODAY WITH GENERAL WORKU OF THE SECOND DIVISION,
VARIOUS METHODS TO PERMIT CONTINUED OPERATION OF TRACT DELTA
WERE DISCUSSED.

(A) HELO SUPPORT. WOULD NOT GIVE ANY POSITIVE ANSWER TO THIS METHOD.
RELUCTANCE WAS NOTED AS MANY REASONS WERE GIVEN WHY IT WAS NOT
POSSIBLE. SOME OF THESE REASONS WERE--LACK OF HELOS, COMMITTED TO
OTHER OPERATIONS, ETC.

(B) SWEEPING OF ROAD. ADMITTED THEY HAD NO TRAINED PERSONNEL AND THEIR

EQUIPMENT WAS INADEQUATE TO ENSURE ALL MINES COULD BE LOCATED.

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(C) ESCORT. THIS METHOD CAUSED SOME ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION. IT WAS

AGREED TO, THEN I WAS INFORMED "OF COURSE YOU WILL GO FIRST". I MADE IT CLEAR WE DID NOT INTEND TO ESCORT HIS TROOPS AND WENT TO NEXT METHOD.

(D) PAVE ROAD. FOR A LONG RANGE SOLUTION THIS SEEMS THE OBVIOUS METHOD. THE UNPAVED PORTION IS 5 TO 6 KM IN LENGTH AND WOULD REQUIRE SOME MED WORK, GRADING AND PAVING. I WOULD ASSUME ALL EXISTING MINES WOULD BE CLEARED DURING THE PROCESS. I HAVE ASKED FOR AN ESTIMATE ON COST AND HOW LONG IT WOULD TAKE.

2. THE GENERAL THEN INFORMED ME THAT I WOULD HAVE TO SEE GENERAL GETACHEW AND RECEIVE HIS OPINION/PERMISSION CONCERNING THE VARIOUS METHODS PRIOR TO NAY ACTION BEING TAKEN. PRESENTLY HAVE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 0830 26 AUG.

3. ETHIOPIAN PERSONNEL RELIEVED THIS AM BY WALKING IN/OUT, NO PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED OR WAS ANY RELUCTANCE NOTED IN WORKERS DURING CHANGEOVER. FOOD IS SMALL PROBLEM BUT I HAVE AUTHORIZED SUPPLEMENTING WHAT THEY CAN CARRY IN WITH THE RATIONS PRE-POSITIONED AT THE TRACT.

4. ONE CISCO EMPLOYEE RESIGNED THIS MORNING. HE WAS A TECH AT TRACT BRAVO. NO OTHER RESIGNATION EXPECTED.

5. WILL ADVISE ON OUTCOME OF TOMORROW'S MEETING ASAP.

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